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MEMORANDUM FOR:  National Intelligence  
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FROM: George L. Cary  
Legislative Counsel

SUBJECT: Unclassified Study of Soviet Civil Defense

REFERENCE: Your Memorandum to Multiple Addressees,  
Same Subject, Dated 27 December 1977,  
SP-249/77

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1.  Regarding the referent memorandum, I concur in your recommendation that the unclassified study of Soviet civil defense be released through a congressional committee of Congress. I think your memorandum to the DCI should reflect that Senator John C. Culver (D., Iowa), Chairman, Subcommittee on General Legislation, Senate Armed Services Committee, has a deep interest in Soviet civil defense and has asked on a number of occasions, beginning some time back, if we could declassify our Soviet civil defense study. Most recently, he has requested a briefing on Soviet civil defense, which has been scheduled for 5 January 1978 and he again renewed his request for an unclassified paper.

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2.  While Senator Culver has made these requests, we felt it appropriate to check with our oversight committees to determine whether they would have an interest in releasing such a study. Tom Latimer, Staff Director, House Permanent Select Committee on Intelligence, indicated that the Committee might be interested but wanted to see the report before making such a decision. Preliminary checks with the Senate Select Committee on Intelligence indicate no problems in releasing the study through Senator Culver's Subcommittee.

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Adm. Stansfield Turner  
Director  
Central Intelligence Agency  
Washington, D.C. 20505

Dear Adm. Turner:

This is in further reference to my continuing Balance(s)  
of Power series appearing in the Congressional Record.

Enclosed please find my most recent remarks detailing the shift in the Balance of Power from the United States to the Soviet Union. The statement, appearing in the December 15 Congressional Record, pages H13027-H13031, includes factual information on the erosion of America's military power over the past years. I have included statistics which, taken in the total context of the issue at hand, reveal in stark detail the threat which confronts us today. In addition, I inserted for reference purposes, a listing of each article in the Balance(s) of Power series with the appropriate title, date, and subject matter.

This Congressional Record conclusion to Book One of the series will be published, together with the other articles in the series, hopefully next session of Congress as a House Document; when the series is completed and ready for distribution, I shall forward a copy.

Sincerely yours,

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